IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH

WEDNESDAY, THE 4TH JULY 2007 / 13TH ASHADHA 1929

WP(C).No. 21048 of 2004(E)

PETITIONERS:
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1. RAYAMANGALAM PANCHAYATH ELECTRICITY CONSUMER'S ASSOCIATION, REPRESENTED BY ITS PRESIDENT K.M.PAREEKUTTY, AGED 38, S/O. MOHAMMED KUNJU, KEEPETHAN HOUSE, VATTAKKATTUPADY, RAYAMANGALAM VILLAGE, KUNNATHUNADU TALUK.

2. V.G.MURALI S/O. GANGADHARAN, VETTUKATTIL HOUSE, VATTAKKATTUPADY, RAYAMANGALAM VILLAGE.

BY ADV. SRI.V.RAJENDRAN (PERUMBAVOOR)
SRI.GEORGE VARGHESE KIZHAKKAMBALAM

RESPONDENTS:

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD, REPRESENTED BY ITS SECRETARY, VYDYUTHI BHAVAN, PATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM.

BY ADV. SRI. C.K. KARUNAKARAN, SC, K.S.E.B

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING BEEN FINALLY HEARD ON 04/07/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

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APPENDIX

PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS

EXT.P1. COPY OF THE BILL NO. 008 DT. 15/3/04 OF CONSUMER NO. 5695.

EXT.P2. COPY OF THE BILL NO. 011 DT. 13/5/04 OF THE CONSUMER NO. 5881.

RESPONDENT'S EXHIBITS

EXT.R1A. COPY OF THE BOARD ORDER NO. TG1/9515/88 DT. 09/09/88.

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KURIAN JOSEPH J.

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Dated 4th July, 2007.

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Petitioners approached this Court aggrieved by the alleged illegal collection of meter rent. According to the petitioners, the consumers having obtained the connection under the OYEC Scheme, they are not liable to pay the meter rent. The fact remains that the meter is the property of the Board and that the meter has been purchased by the Board and installed at the premises of the consumers. The OYEC Scheme is intended for out of turn connection, it is stated in the counter affidavit. Since the meter is of the Board, the consumers are liable to pay rent. Thus, there is no merit in the writ petition. It is dismissed.

KURIAN JOSEPH, JUDGE.

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Dated 4th July, 2007.